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MESSAGE

FROM THE

President of the United States,

ACCOMPANYING

A REPORT

OF THE

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

To him, and two statements marked A and B, on the subject of

MARINE HOSPITALS;

Also, sundry documents respecting the situation of seamen and boatmen of the United States, frequenting the port of New-Orleans.

24th February, 1802.

Read, and referred to the committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

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MESSAGE.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and
of the House of Representatives,

I COMMUNICATE to both houses of Congress a report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject of our Marine Hospitals, which appear to require legislative attention.

As connected with the same subject, I also inclose information respecting the situation of our seamen and boatmen frequenting the port of New-Orleans, and suffering there from sickness and the want of accommodation. There is good reason to believe their numbers greater than stated in these papers. When we consider how great a proportion of the territory of the United States must communicate with that port singly; and how rapidly that territory is increasing its population and productions, it may perhaps be thought reasonable to make hospital provisions there of a different order from those at foreign ports generally.

TH: JEFFERSON.

February 24, 1802.

Sir,

I Have the honor to enclose two statements in relation to the Marine Hospitals.

The statement A exhibits the balances remaining unexpended in the hands of the several collectors and agents on the 30th September last, or on the last day to which returns have been received.

The statement B exhibits the total amount received in each state, and expended by each Hospital from the commencement of the institution to the same day.

The only ports where Hospitals have been established or temporary relief afforded to the seamen, are,

1st. Boston, Newport, Norfolk and Charleston, (S. C.) where Marine Hospitals have been altogether established under the laws of Congress, exclusively appropriated to the use of seamen, and solely supported out of the funds raised under the authority of the United States. The Hospital at Newport has lately been discontinued.

2d. Baltimore, where the Hospital is in the same situation as to its funds, but is placed under the controul of the board of Health.

3d. New-York and Philadelphia, where sick seamen are received in the city Hospital, at a fixed rate per week, paid out of the Marine Hospital fund.

4th. Portland, New-London, Wilmington, (N. C.) Newbern, Edenton, and lately Newport and Alexandria, where temporary relief is afforded in private boarding Houses.

5th. Savannah, from which no returns have been received.

By the statement B, it appears that the whole sum received from seamen, either in private or in public service, amounts to 147,875 dollars and 58 cents, of which $6,185\frac{53}{100}$ have been applied to the purchase of the Hospital at Gosport, near Norfolk, and $74,636\frac{51}{100}$ have been expended for the relief of sick seamen; that $73,761\frac{61}{100}$ remain unexpended in the hands of sundry collectors and agents, and that $6,707\frac{87}{100}$ are due to certain agents who have expended more than has been received by them.

This last circumstance has taken place in Newport, Norfolk and Charleston, namely in three of the four Marine Hospitals which have been established: and it will be perceived, by a recurrence to the same statement, that to those three places the Navy fund has been exclusively applied. But this last fund being nearly exhausted, it is impracticable to continue any longer the established Hospitals at Norfolk and Charleston, unless Congress shall think proper to grant them some aid, or to make such alterations in the law as will permit a more general application of the fund.

Under existing circumstances, if no alteration shall be made, it will be necessary to write to the collectors of both places, to discontinue *in toto*, the Hospitals after the 31st March next. For the advances made by them, must, by this time, exceed twelve thousand dollars; these have been paid out of the proceeds of the duties on import and tonnage, and cannot be admitted to their credit, in their accounts as collectors. It will be necessary for them to continue to collect the seaman-money, until they shall have been fully re-imbursed for their advances.

If it be asked why the funds have proven insufficient in those two places, the following reasons, it is believed, may be assigned.—1st. The establishment of an Hospital; instead of having had recourse to city or state institutions, as in Philadelphia and New-York; which has drawn with it all the expences of superintendance, attending Physicians &c. For what reason the Gosport Hospital was purchased from the state of Virginia I am at a loss to know; but if it was intended for the Navy it should be supported out of the funds appropriated for that Department, and placed under its controul. The building is much too large and in an unfinished state, and wants immediate and expensive repairs. 2dly. Those two seaports are more expensive, and generally, so far especially as relates to non residents, more sickly than the more northern ports. 3dly. The provision of the law which makes seamen on board coasting vessels pay only in the port to which they belong, is unjust in its operation, and bears more particularly on the southern ports.

It is necessary to state, that complaints are frequently received from those ports where no relief has yet been granted; the seamen complaining that they pay without deriving any benefit from it. This may be true in some instances; but it is doubtful whether the application of the funds, in such manner that they might find relief in all the important ports of the Union in case of sickness, may not be more beneficial to them, than a provision in the ports where they reside, and where they want it least.

Whilst the expenditure of the money is restricted to the port or state where it is collected it cannot be considered in any other light than as a Municipal establishment, and would more conveni-

ently be placed under the controul of the state itself.

I have the honor to be

very respectfully,

SIR,

your obedient servant,

ALBERT GALLATIN.

Treasury Department,
February 16, 1802.

The PRESIDENT *of the* UNITED STATES.

Extract of a letter from Evan Jones, Esq. to the Secretary of State, dated New-Orleans, 10th August, 1801.

" A great number of American citizens, especially seamen and boatmen from the Ohio, die here yearly for want of a Hospital into which they might be put and taken care of, not that they are refused admittance into the Spanish poor hospital, but that building is by much too small for the purpose. No public house of any reputation will take them in, and consequently they lie in their ships or boats, or get into wretched cabins, in which they die miserably, after frequently subjecting the humane among their countrymen to much trouble and expence.

" Will not this be an object, Sir, worthy the attention of the Government of the United States? And might not a fund be easily established for the preservation of these poor people by imposing a light tax upon every vessel and boat that comes in, as well as upon every seaman and boatman?

" About two hundred vessels have entered here from sea during a twelve month past, and allowing eight men only to each, it makes 1600. Perhaps from 350 to 400 boats have come down from the Ohio, &c. during the same time, and allowing four men to each, it would make about an equal number of men. A small sum from each, added to something from every vessel and boat, would probably produce a capital equal to the exigency."

Extract of a letter from E. M. Bay, Esq. to the Secretary of State, dated at Charleston, 4th November, 1801.

" It will readily occur to you, Sir, that thousands of our fellow-citizens must soon be employed in navigating the ships and boats which must ever be used, as the means of transporting these commodities* from one place to another. Now, Sir, when we take into consideration the climate and season of the year, when this commerce must be carried on, the risque to our citizens must be multiplied in a high degree. It is well known that the western rivers cannot be conveniently navigated into the Mississippi 'till the breaking up of the frost in the spring of the year.—It is then that that great river begins to rise, and it generally remains up till July. The great distance and unavoidable impediments naturally in the way, will always carry over these commercial transactions to so late a period, as to leave the great bulk of those employed in them, at or about New-Orleans, in the sickly season of the year; which, in that low, flat, unhealthy southern climate, is fatal in the extreme, to the strong, robust constitutions of our western brethren: hence many of them fall victims to climate and disease, leaving families and friends at a great distance from them.

" The want of proper accommodations for poor and infirm seamen and boatmen at New-Orleans, is another very serious inconvenience our poorer class of fellow citizens are much subjected to, in that place. It is really pitiable to see such numbers of distressed objects, as sometimes present themselves to view, in the sickly months, who have been left to shift for themselves, after their employers have made their markets. Something

like an Hospital establishment, to be superintended by American Physicians, would go a great way to alleviate the distresses of these useful men. I mention American Physicians, because our people are strongly prejudiced against those of the Spanish faculty ; and generally not understandiug the language, they derive little or no benefit from them."

* *Those of the Western Country.*

A STATEMENT of Monies remaining in the hands of Collectors and Agents, received by them for support of the MARINE HOSPITALS established in the United States for the relief of sick and disabled Seamen, up to the [illegible] September, 1801, or so far as returns have been received.

PORTS.	Collectors Names.	Hospitals to which Monies heretofore collected have been applied for support.	Date of Return.	Amount in each Collector's hands.	Amount due each Hospital as reported.	Amount due Agents of the Marine Hospital.
			1801.			
Portsmouth,	Joseph Whipple	None designated	Sept. 30		1230 73	
Newburyport,	Dudley A. Tyng	Boston	--	1520 45		
Gloucester,	William Tuck	Ditto	--	582 55		
Salem,	Joseph Hiller	Ditto	--	5078 44		
Marble head,	Samuel R. Gerry	Ditto	--	581 29		
Boston,	Benjamin Lincoln	Ditto	--	—		
Plymouth,	William Watson	Ditto	June 30	522 89		
Barnstable,	Joseph Otis	Ditto	Sept. 30	996 05		
Nantucket,	Stephen Hussey	Ditto	--	279 92		
Edgartown,	John Pease	Ditto	--	55 81		
New-Bedford,	Edward Pope	Ditto	--	581 36		
Dighton,	Hodijah Baylies	Ditto	--	487 96		
Ipswich,	Asa Andrews	Ditto	--	64 48		
					8551 20	
Boston,	Benj. Lincoln, Agent	Boston	Sept. 30		13,003 54	
MASSACHUSETTS.					21,554 74	
York,	Joseph Tucker	Portland	Sept. 30	54 [illegible]		
Biddeford,	Jeremiah Hill	Ditto	--	449 87		
Kennebunk,	Jones Clark	Ditto	--	325 [illegible]		
Bath,	William Webb	Ditto	--	261 85		
Wiscasset,	Francis Cook	Ditto	--	402 26		
Pembroke,	Benjamin Jarvis	Ditto	--	474 29		
Washborough,	Joshua Heard	Ditto	March 31	497 09		
Frenchman's Bay,	Mehatiah Jordan	Ditto	Sept. 30	73 20		
Machias,	Stephen Smith	Ditto	--	26 21		
Passamaquody,	L. F. Delesdernier	Ditto	--	224 51		
Portland,	Nath. F. Fosdick	Ditto	--		2783 82	
Ditto,	Ditto, Agent	Portland	Sept. 30		3252 60	
MAINE.					6040	
Newport,	William Ellery	Newport, R. I.	Sept. 30	154 98		
Providence,	Jeremiah Olney	Ditto	--	421 78		
Bristol,	Jonathan Russell	Ditto	--	135 81		
					712 60	
Newport,	Will. Ellery, Agent	Newport	Sept. 30			499 89
RHODE-ISLAND.					712 60	
New-London,	Jedediah Huntingdon	New-London	Sept. 30			
Middletown,	Alexander Wolcott	Ditto	— 15	312 94		
Ditto,	Chauncey Whittlesey	Ditto	March 31	581 61		
New-Haven,	Samuel Bishop	Ditto	Sept. 30	1111 96		
Fairfield,	Samuel Smedley	Ditto	--	373 53		
					2380 04	
New London,	Jed. Huntingdon, Agent	New-London	Sept. 30		1914 73	
CONNECTICUT.					4294 77	
Sag Harbour,	Henry P. Dering	New-York	Sept. 30	182 33		
Hudson,	Henry Malcolm	Ditto	--	181 42		
New-York,	David Gelston	Ditto	--	2,220 32		
			--		2584 07	
Ditto,	Ditto Agent	New-York	--		9230 31	
NEW-YORK.					11,814 38	
			1800.			
Perth Amboy,	John Halstead	usually paid in N. York	March 19	74 40		
			1801.			
G. E. Harbour,	Alexander Freeland	Do. do.	Sept. 30	160 66		
L. E. Harbour,	William Watson	Do. do.	--	114 19		
Burlington,	Moses Kempton	usually paid in Philadelphia	--	210 07		
Bridgetown,	Eli Elmer		--	619 47		
NEW-JERSEY.					1178 79	
Philadelphia,	George Latimer	Philadelphia	Sept. 30	10,660 45		
					10,660 45	
Ditto,	Ditto Agent	Ditto	June 30		5234 44	
PENNSYLVANIA.					15,894 89	

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			1801.			
DELAWARE.	Allen M'Lane	usually paid in Philad.	Dec. 31	1,429 75		
					1,429 75	
Baltimore,	Robert Purviance	Baltimore	Sept. 30			
Chester,	Jeremiah Nicolls	Ditto	--	171 33		
Oxford,	Robert Banning	Ditto	--	84 5[illegible]		
Vienna,	James Frazier	Ditto	--	636 77		
Havre de Grace,	Roger Boyce	Ditto	--	298 5[illegible]		
Snow Hill,	William Selby	Ditto	--	173 24		
Annapolis,	John Randall	Ditto	June	169 58		
Nottingham,	George Biscoe	Ditto	September	147 08		
Nanjemoy,	John C. Jones	Ditto	--	179 37		
George-Town,	James M'Lingan	Ditto	--	78 03		
					1918 20	
Baltimore,	R. Purviance, Agent	Ditto			2923 05	
MARYLAND.					4441 25	
Hampton,	William Kirby	Norfolk	No Return			
Petersburg,	William Heth	Ditto	Sept. 30	160 86		
York-Town,	William Reynolds	Ditto	March 31	23 40		
Tappahannock,	Laurence Muse	Ditto	Sept. 30	192 55		
Yeocomico,	James A. Thompson	Ditto	--	103 71		
Dumfries,	William Linton	Ditto	--	27 58		
Fifty Landing,	William Gibbs	Ditto	--	45 91		
Cherry-stone,	Nathaniel Williams	Ditto	No Returns			
South Quay,	Archibald Richardson	Ditto	June 30	66		
Richmond,	James Gibbon	Ditto	Sept. 30	159 39		
Ditto,	William Davies (late)	Ditto	--	44 91		
Norfolk,	William Davies	Ditto	June			
Ditto,	do. Agent	Ditto	--		763 75	
						$017 76
VIRGINIA.						
Alexandria,	Charles Simms	usually paid in Norfolk.	Sept. 30	719 57	719 57	
Wilmington, N. Carolina.	Griffith J. M'Rae, Agent	Wilmington	June 30		595 81	
Washington,	William Keais	Newbern	Sept. 30	607 53		
Newbern,	Francis Hawks	Ditto	-	59 75	667 28	
Ditto,	Do. Agent	Ditto	June 30		699 16	
					1366 45	
Camden,	Enoch Sawyer	Edenton	Sept. 30	515 12	515 12	
Edenton,	Sam. Tredwell, Agent	Ditto	--		582 65	
NORTH-CAROLINA.					1097 77	
Georgetown, S. Carolina.	Charles Brown	Charleston	June 30	136 74		
			1800.			
Beaufort,	Robert G. Guerard	Ditto	Dec. 31	1 35		
Charleston,	James Simons	Ditto	Sept. 30		138 09	
Ditto,	Ditto, Agent	Ditto	--			3190 22
SOUTH-CAROLINA.						
			1799.			
Savannah,	John Habersham	Savannah	June 30	398 37		
			1801.			
Ditto,	Thos. D. M. Johnson	Ditto	October 21		35 20	
Sunbury,	George Foster	Ditto	Sept. 30	2 33		
Brunswick,	Claude Thomson	Ditto	March 31	8 10		
St. Mary's,	William Mawray	Ditto	--	65 52		
Ditto,	Randolph M'Gillis	Ditto	Sept. 30	21 47		
Hardwich,	Simons Maxwell	Ditto	June 30	4 06	499 85	
					535 05	
Savannah,	—— Agent	Ditto	No Return			
Palmyra,	Morgan Brown		June 30	139 37		
Detroit,	Matthew Ernest		Jan. 1	13 10	152 47	

STATEMENT of the Marine Hospital Fund, from its Establishment to 30th September, 1801; taken from the Agents Accounts.

	Amount received by Agents from Collectors.	*Amount received by Agents from the Navy.*	*Amount due by Collectors.*	*Total amount of Hospital fund.*	*Expenditures.*	*Balance due by Agents and Collectors.*	*Balance due to Agents.*
	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.	Dolls. Cts.
New-Hampshire	849 59	— —	381 16	1,230 75	No hospital.	1,230 75	
Massachusetts	22,666 96	— —	8,551 20	31,218 16	9,663 42	21,554 74	
Maine	3,355 94	— —	2,788 82	6,144 76	103 95	6,040 81	
Rhode-Island	4,712 96	2,450 00	712 60	7,875 56	7,662 85	712 60	499 89
Connecticut	3,498 54	— —	2,380 04	5,878 58	1,583 81	4,294 77	
New-York	21,250 43	— —	2,584 07	23,834 50	12,020 12	11,814 38	
New-Jersey	— —	— —	1,173 79	1,178 79	No hospital.	1,178 79	
Pennsylvania A.	5,808 93	— —	10,660 45	16,469 38	574 49	15,894 89	
Delaware	— —	— —	1,429 74	1,429 74	No hospital.	1,429 74	
Maryland	14,091 22	— —	1,918 20	16,009 42	11,568 17	4,441 25	
Virginia, (Norfolk) A.	5,552 89	4,017 51	763 75	10,334 15	12,588 16	763 75	3,017 76
Do. (Alexandria)	— —	— —	719 57	719 57	— —	719 57	
N. Carolina, (Wilmington) A.	932 23	— —	— —	932 23	536 42	395 81	
Do. (Newbern) A.	895 80	— —	667 28	1,563 08	196 70	1,366 38	
Do. (Edenton)	1,091 31	— —	515 12	1,606 43	508 66	1,097 77	
South-Carolina	9,939 54	4,500 00	138 09	14,577 63	17,629 76	138 09	3,190 22
Georgia	— —	— —	535 05	535 05	— —	535 05	
Tennesee and Detroit	— —	— —	152 47	152 47	No hospital.	152 47	
Total—	94,646 34	10,967 51	36,076 40	141,690 25	74,636 51	73,761 61	6,707 87

A. The accounts of the Agents for the Hospitals at Philadelphia, Norfolk, Wilmington and Newbern, are only to the 30th June, 1801.

Of this sum there is due to Will. Davis, Agent, 2061 12
To Otway Byrd, late Agent, 1,675 32
Deduct amount due from P. Gatewood, also late Agent, 718 68 — 956 64

3,017 76

Total Hospital Fund,		141,690 25
Advanced by Navy Department for the purchase of Gosport Hospital, not included in the above account,		6,185 33
Balance due to Agents,		6,707 87
	Dolls.	154,583 45
Expenditures,	74,636 51	
Purchase of Gosport Hospital,	6,185 33	
		80,821 84
Due by Collectors and Agents,		73,761 61
	Dolls.	154,583 45

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